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Governor Jan Brewer Signs Whole Woman's Health Funding Priority Act

Measure Blocks Abortion Providers from Accessing Taxpayer Funds in Most Cases

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer this evening signed into law HB 2800, known as the Whole Woman's Health Funding Priority Act. The Governor signed the measure while speaking at a reception for the Susan B. Anthony List, a group devoted to helping elect pro-life officials to public office.

HB 2800 prioritizes the distribution of public family-planning funds to health care entities that provide comprehensive care for women. The measure also prohibits the state or any political subdivision from contracting with a person or facility where non-federally qualified abortions are performed for the provision of family planning services.

"This is a common sense law that tightens existing state regulations and closes loopholes in order to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not used to fund abortions, whether directly or indirectly," said Governor Brewer. "By signing this measure into law, I stand with the majority of Americans who oppose the use of taxpayer funds for abortion."

Kansas, North Carolina and Texas have already enacted legislation similar to the Whole Woman's Health Funding Priority Act. Indiana, New Jersey and Wisconsin have used their budget processes to bar public funding for abortion providers.

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